Integrated policy on the drug abuse

3299. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Times of India dated the 1st October, 1986 to the effect that an integrated policy on drug abuse has been mooted by a group of specialists in the field and if so, the details thereof and follow up action taken; and

(b) whether it is a fact that well established voluntary NGO's are likely to be fully involved in the programmes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The integrated approch with full involvement of voluntary organisations as mooted by group of specialists is already an accepted policy with Government. A Multi-dimensional, multi-media approach has been adopted to fight the menace of drug abuse with the help and involvement of voluntary and non-governmental organisations. Dedicated organisations with experience are being involved in providing services for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

Effects on miners' health

3300. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the effects on miners' health by air and water pollution in different coal fields in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof and what remedial measures have been taken or are contemplated to effectively reduce/check pollution and to compensate the miners for the damges suffered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Limited assessment/studies have been carried out in certain coalfields. Periodical medical check up of miners is carried out in all coal companies. Dust concentration in the mine atmosphere is constantly monitored and appropriate dust suppression measures are taken including water spraying and deployment of suitably designed machinery. Improvement of sanitation in miners' colonies and schemes for supply of potable water are the chief measures to minimise water pollution. The coal companies provide extensive medical cover to their workers and compensation whereever found payable for disability resulting from occupational hazards is paid in accordance with the provisions of workmen's compensation Act.

Tribal welfare under "tribal sub-plan" scheme

3301. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 554 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of the Rs. 290 crores earmarked for T.S.P. in the Sixth Plan was spent on major and middle irrigation schemes and power projects which did not benefit the tribals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 30,000 tribal families were displaced without proper rehabilitations schemes;

(c) whether 227 Lamps (Large Area Multipurpose Societies) meant for extending credits and marketing facilities to tribals have become defunct;